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DANNY MARTINEZ JOINS AAR AS VICE PRESIDENT & GENERAL MANAGER OF AAR AIRCRAFT SERVICES — INDIANAPOLIS

WOOD DALE, ILLINOIS (April 22, 2009) — AAR CORP. (NYSE: AIR) announced today that Danny Martinez, former Vice President of Line Maintenance for American Airlines, has joined the Company as Vice President and General Manager of AAR Aircraft Services — Indianapolis. Martinez will be responsible for leading operations at the Company's state-of-the-art aircraft maintenance facility located at the Indianapolis International Airport.

While at American Airlines, Martinez oversaw all line maintenance operations for the airline's domestic and international routes and was responsible for its Maintenance Operations Center, aircraft routing and Dallas-Fort Worth MRO Hangar, as well as technical services and maintenance training. Martinez started his aviation career in 1979 with Eastern Airlines and joined American Airlines in 1988.

"Danny brings a wealth of organizational leadership and maintenance experience to our Indianapolis maintenance facility," said Donald Wetekam, Group Vice President of AAR's MRO businesses. "With his broad base of technical expertise and operations know-how, we expect that Danny will help us achieve new levels of customer service and efficiency while strengthening AAR's reputation for quality and value in the commercial aircraft maintenance market."

Martinez is taking over for Stan Mayer who has assumed the role of General Manager at the Company's aircraft maintenance facility in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

AAR is a leading provider of products and value-added services to the worldwide aerospace and defense industry. With facilities and sales locations around the world, AAR uses its close-to-the-customer business model to serve aviation and defense customers through four operating segments: Aviation Supply Chain; Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul; Structures and Systems; and Aircraft Sales and Leasing. More information can be found at www.aarcorp.com.

This press release contains certain statements relating to future results, which are forward-looking statements as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are based on beliefs of Company management, as well as assumptions and estimates based on information currently available to the Company, and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from historical results or those anticipated, including those factors discussed under Item 1A, entitled "Risk Factors", included in the Company's May 31, 2008 Form 10-K. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize adversely, or should underlying assumptions or estimates prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described. These events and uncertainties are difficult or impossible to predict accurately and many are beyond the Company's control. The Company assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such statements or to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events. For additional information, see the comments included in AAR's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

